18th May 1954]

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"This is not a new policy. I may inform the hon. Member that his friends of the Socialist Party also are getting lands."

DR. K. B. MENON :—"I do not know what the Socialist Party has to do with it. I have asked a general question and the Hon. Minister should answer it in a general way without referring to the political parties involved."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"Because the hon. Member seemed to be very much interested, I said that his friends were also getting the lands there."

Dispute between the management and the workers of the Themmalapuram Bus Transport, Palghat.

* 898 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently received any representation regarding the dispute between the management and the workers of the Themmalapuram Bus Transport, Palghat, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(*a*) The Government have not received any representation, Sir. The Labour Officer, however, received a representation on 24th November 1953 requesting that (1) the service of the workers under the Themmalapuram Bus Transport should be recognized, and (2) that there should be no reduction in salary and other benefits enjoyed by the present workers. The Labour Officer contacted the Managing Director of the company who assured him that the workers would have no break in service or reduction in salary because of the new set up. The Labour Officer has also informed the Union about this.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—"மோட்டார் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு சட்டப்படி கொடுக்கவேண்டிய குறைந்த அளவு கூலி (minimum wages) T. B. T. மோட்டார் தொழிலாளர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. இதற்கு ஏதாவது சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்போகிறதா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Sir, that is a different question. I would like to have notice."

SRI O. KORAN :—"Sir, is it a fact that many of the workers in this Bus Transport are engaged on daily wages and so they are denied bonus, and if so, will the Government insist upon the management to pay bonus to such workers also?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Sir, if the workers themselves or their union makes a representation to that effect, the Labour Officer will look into the matter."

[18th May 1954

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in this connexion I wish to submit that I had given a memorandum to Dr. Krishna Rao during the last session regarding the difficulties of the T.B.T. Motor workers in Palghat. May I know from the Hon. Labour Minister if the minimum wages clause is not implemented by the management, whether it is not the duty of the Government to see that minimum wages are paid to the workers and are Government aware that in this particular Motor Company the workers are forced to work for more hours and are denied all facilities that are given by other motor companies? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already stated that the Conciliation Labour Officer has been at this. If the workers or their union makes a representation on all these the Labour Officer will surely look into it."

Grant of permission for neera in the suburban areas of Madras.

8-30 a.m. * 899 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether permission for neera has been granted in the suburban areas of Madras City;

(*b*) if so, the places for which permission has been granted;

(*c*) the reasons for abolishing neera parlour near the Assembly Chamber last year; and

(*d*) the daily average number of members who were attending the Neera Parlour?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) A neera parlour was opened last year near the Assembly Chamber to cater neera to the Members of the Legislature during the Budget Session of the Assembly and it was closed after Budget Session of the Assembly was over.

" (*d*) About 1,000."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" Sir, இப்போது சென்னையிலே பனஞ்சாறுக்குப் பதிலாக கள்ளு விற்கப்படுகிறது. எனவே கள்ளு எந்த இடத்திலிருந்து சென்னையில் சப்ளை செய்யப்படுகிறது என்பதை ஆட்சியாளர் அறிவார்களா ? இனியாவது இந்த நீரா பார்லரை அசெம்பிளி சேம்பரிலே வைப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கத்திற்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா என்பதுபற்றி அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This session is going to be over shortly and we will consider the suggestion during the next session."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Neera has to be tapped during a particular season when the trees yield this juice. In view of the categorical assurance given by the former Minister in charge of Prohibition that he would consider the question of granting permission for tapping neera if the Members of the Assembly gave an undertaking that so far as their districts were concerned they would not misuse the permission, a representation was made to him to